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## ARCHITECTURE & URBAN PLANNING

1. Arnott, Richard.  
Alleviating urban traffic congestion / Richard Arnott, Tilmann Rave  
and Ronnie Schob. MIT Press, ©2005. 240 p. 388.4 ARN

This book raises an issue that concerns most of the countries around the globe – ever increasing urban traffic. Both developed and developing countries are confronting a difficult situation for which there is no easy answer. Arnott, Rave and Schob try to find possible solutions to this elevating problem. They suggest congestion pricing practices like a downtown parking policy, encouragement of bicycling, staggering of work hours by dominant employers, and the use by medium-sized cities of a "multimode" ticket that charges cars entering the city center a toll equal to the public transit fare. They advocate active consideration of more microscopic policies rather than a macroscopic approach. -- CH/K/M/ND

2. Hall, Dennis J.  
The architect's guide to the U.S. National CAD Standard / Dennis J.  
Hall and Charles Rick Green ; the American Institute of Architects.  
Wiley, ©2006. 248 p. REF 720 HAL

This book demonstrates the options and techniques that design-firms can use to implement various concepts of the U.S. National CAD Standard (NCS) into the workplace. Designed to be used side by side with the NCS, the text's chapters are numbered and arranged to parallel the NCS. Each chapter concludes with a list of frequently asked questions with responses based on the authors' interpretation of the standard and information from their personal use and experience with the NCS in their workplaces. The book would be of special interest to architects, engineers, designers, CAD technicians, students, emerging professionals, and facility managers and owners. -- (For use only in the Library) K/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

## THE ARTS

3. Flattmann, Alan.  
The art of pastel painting / Alan Flattmann. 1<sup>st</sup> Pelican ed. Pelican Publishing Company, Inc., 2007. 151 p. REF 741.2 FLA

Distinguished pastel artist and a master teacher Alan Flattmann provides invaluable information about pastel concepts and techniques, as well as making crayons, getting proper studio lighting, and much more. Revised from its original 1987 version, *The Art of Pastel Painting* includes the latest details on new technical advancements, new demonstrations, and new paintings from the artist. The book is well-articulated and clearly displays Flattmann's ability to communicate at all levels. The book is likely to hold the interest of its readers on the creation of pastel art. This book is comprehensive and covers everything from surface texture and lighting to basic painting and preservation concepts. It also prescribes some good money-saving tips. The book would be appreciated by both novice as well as seasoned artists who would like to explore more on the pastel medium. -- (For use only in the Library) CH

4. Irving, David K.  
Producing and directing the short film and video / David K. Irving and Peter W. Rea. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Elsevier, 2006. 402 p. REF 791.4302 IRV

This book on filmmaking takes the readers from financing and script writing to the production and distribution of film. Its scope is wide and describes pre-production, production, post-production and distribution. It is also unique in its approach as it looks at the whole episode from two perspectives – the perspective of both the producer and the director. The book is practical by providing real-life examples from award winning short films. This edition has also attempted to address the need to keep pace with technology. It includes an animated film with the supporting materials for those who appreciate time-honored film technique. The book is supported by a website that provides more updated information on the World Wide Web for the more enthusiastic readers. -- (For use only in the Library) K

## BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

5. Charan, Ram.  
Know-how : the 8 skills that separate people who perform from those who don't / Ram Charan : with Geri Willigan. Crown Business, ©2007.  
290 p. 658.4092 CHA

Dr. Ram Charan, widely known in the corporate world for his leadership lessons, presents eight fundamental skills needed for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century business world. As one of the most influential advisors to the top management teams of leading companies, Dr. Charan adds to the reader's perspective on leadership by providing a new approach to understanding leadership. Appearance of leadership and real leadership are two different things. The author stresses that real leaders are dynamic and have the know-how of running a business. Real leaders take the business ahead in a direction where it seeks a better position in comparison to where it had been earlier. Ram Charan has done a marvelous job of identifying the much-needed skills in today's business environment and integrating those with the personal and psychological traits of successful leaders. -- CH/K/M/ND

6. Galpin, Timothy J.  
The complete guide to mergers and acquisitions : process tools to support M&A integration at every level / Timothy J. Galpin and Mark Herndon ; foreword by Jon Katzenbach. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Wiley/Jossey-Bass, ©2007. 318 p. REF 658.162 GAL

This unique book focuses on the widely misunderstood aspects of merger and acquisition (M&A) management. Often mergers and acquisitions fail due to poorly implemented strategies. In most cases, executives spend too much time on the deal itself and fail to adequately address issues such as the impact of the merger or acquisition on the existing workforce, shareholders etc. Retaining key people in such an event is a real challenging task. The authors suggest that organizations formulate, locate, investigate and negotiate before final integration. Both Timothy J. Galpin and Mark Herndon draw on their consulting experience with numerous Fortune 500 companies to present an updated and expanded guide to planning and managing the M&A process. They provide step-by-step advice supported by helpful templates, checklists, graphs and tools. They discuss the pre-deal do's and don'ts and state some common mistakes often made in M&A

processes. This latest edition of the book has been updated with more case studies and recent integrations. -- (For use only in the Library) ND

7. Hewlett, Sylvia Ann.  
Off-ramps and on-ramps : keeping talented women on the road to success / Sylvia Ann Hewlett. Harvard Business School Press, ©2007. 299 p. 658.312082 HEW

*Off-Ramps and On-Ramps* attempts to answer the critical question of what could be done to retain talented women in the workplace and reintegrate them if they have already left. It stresses the need to understand that women have a different set of responsibilities in their personal lives and sometimes the impact of their demanding personal lives percolates into their work lives. This calls for a more flexible work situation for women to accommodate their wide-ranging responsibilities like bearing child, caring for aging parents, and many other household demands. More often than not, women find it difficult to reenter the workforce (on-ramps) after taking a career-path detour (off-ramps) typically for family reasons. This book jumps in here and looks into a critical problem in our business world – the current career model and its lack of flexibility for talented women. Based on her firsthand experience with companies such as Ernst & Young, Goldman Sachs, Time Warner, General Electric and others, Sylvia Ann Hewlett suggests strategies for forward-thinking companies to reverse the female brain drain and ensure their access to talent over the long term. -- CH/M/ND

8. Kaplan, Robert S.  
Time-driven activity-based costing : a simpler and more powerful path to higher profits / Robert S. Kaplan and Steven R. Anderson. Harvard Business School Press, ©2007. 266 p. 658.1552 KAP

This book outlines time-driven activity-based costing (TDABC), an easier and more powerful approach for measuring cost and profitability. The authors describe its fundamentals and applications using case studies of clients of Acorn Systems, a company with which both are affiliated. They discuss time equations, calculating capacity cost rates, building a model, budgeting, and applications in mergers and acquisitions, management and benchmarking, and in different industry settings. Kaplan is co-creator of Activity Based Costing and the Balanced Scorecard, and Anderson is founder of Acorn Systems, a software and consulting firm. The book provides the tools to



effectively maximize the value of activity-based costing system. -- CH/M/ND  
(Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

9. Kouzes, James M.  
The leadership challenge / James M. Kouzes and Barry Z. Posner.  
4<sup>th</sup> ed. Jossey-Bass, ©2007. 389 p. 658.4092 KOU

This brand new edition of the most trusted seminal resource on leadership is now updated and revised for a new generation. Loaded with new cases and concepts, this edition is an important addition to the existing literature on leadership studies that transcends the previous editions' approach. An inspirational and practical handbook, this expanded revision of a bestselling manual originally published in 1987 offers sound advice to corporate leaders and entrepreneurs, to managers and employees and to aspiring leaders in retail, manufacturing, government, community, church and school settings. Drawing on interviews and a questionnaire survey of more than 3000 leaders, the authors identify five fundamental practices of exemplary leadership. They inspire a shared vision; enable others to act; model the way forward by setting an example; tap individuals' inner drives by linking rewards and performance. The book is insightful, down-to-earth, and jargon-free. This new edition has been substantially updated to reflect the challenges of shrinking work forces, rising cynicism and expanded telecommunications. -- ND (Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2007)

10. Lewis, James P.  
Fundamentals of project management / James P. Lewis. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.  
American Management Association, ©2007. 164 p. 658.404 LEW

In the contemporary corporate world, strict project deadlines and stringent expectations have become the order of the day. This revised and updated version aims at introducing project management and provides the latest tools and techniques for effectively planning and executing projects on time. This book illustrates the basics of planning, defining goals, assigning work, scheduling, and monitoring progress. Further, it recommends using scheduling software, crafting program statements and mission statements and other specific techniques. Written in an easy to read format, the book would be useful to anyone looking for a guide to systematic project management. -- CH/M

11. Marston, Cam.  
Motivating the “what’s in it for me?” workforce : manage across the generational divide and increase profits / Cam Marston. J. Wiley & Sons, Inc., ©2007. 226 p. 658.314 MAR

This book picks up one of the most difficult challenges faced by managers around the globe – the conflict between managers and the workforce over their incompatible expectations. This book offers some hope to the troubled managers who are often worried about their workforce’s thinking and the way they perceive things. Marston addresses how to deal with differing generational expectations regarding promotions, incentives, recognition, and prioritization of work itself. Drawing on his experience of consulting and interviewing managers and workers of different ages, Marston presents valuable advice on motivating every employee to achieve peak performance and solve generational problems in any workplace. -- K

12. Principles of general management : the art and science of getting results across organizational boundaries / John L. Colley, Jr. ... [et al.] ; foreword by Robert F. Bruner. Yale University Press, ©2007. 465 p. 658 PRI

This management textbook is oriented towards today’s general managers and provides them with an up-to-date and comprehensive guide to their responsibilities and how to fulfill them. It provides a broad spectrum of skills that a manager should possess. Based on the extensive business experience of five experts, this authoritative guide provides an in-depth look at a broad range of management jobs, the wide array of necessary skills, tools, and conceptual understanding. It discusses every aspect of the operation: business planning, pricing and marketing, managing the workforce, maintaining financial controls, and executing the adopted strategy. Exploring the quantitative and qualitative aspects of their job, the book shows how a skilled manager can move an organization from abstract goals to definitive action. -- K

## COMMUNICATION

13. Dooley, Patricia L.  
The technology of journalism : cultural agents, cultural icons / Patricia L. Dooley ; foreword by Neil Chase. Northwestern University Press, ©2007. 250 p. 070.40285 DOO

Dooley summarizes the scholarly literature on the historical close connection between technology and journalism. She describes the advent of the printing press, the telegraph, still and motion picture photography, radio, television, and digital information technology and their respective impacts on journalism. She then looks at intersecting non-technological forces and their influences on the relationship between journalism and technology. Journalists' adoptions of various technologies are then discussed in some more detail, followed by a look at the role of the press in disseminating American cultural values. The book concludes with a consideration of the legacy and future of print in the digital age. -- K (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2008)

14. The essentials of corporate communications and public relations.  
Harvard Business School Press, ©2006. 311 p. 658.45 ESS

This book emphasizes the importance of proper communication of corporate information. Improper corporate communication could risk the company's reputation in the eyes of shareholders, employees, and the media. On the other hand proper and effective communication of information could mean business for the company. The volume is oriented towards Human Resource personnel and aims to brush-up their skills at delivering information, management crisis, responding to queries and more. It is loaded with case studies and practical advice that could be mastered and implemented by an HR professional. Published in partnership with the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), the series *The Business Literacy for HR Professionals* is mainly designed to enhance communication competencies and bring additional bottom-line value to an organization. -- CH/M/ND

15. New York stories : the best of the city section of the New York Times / edited by Constance Rosenblum. New York University Press, ©2005. 291 p. 974.7 NEW

The City section of the Sunday edition of the *New York Times* features vivid accounts of life, past and present, in the five boroughs. Rosenblum, who edits the City section, has collected 40 representative pieces that showcase the ups and downs of life in a metropolis. Many of the essays are by well-known authors, such as Jan Morris, Phillip Lopate and Vivian Gornick, but others, equally winning, are by emerging writers. All of the pieces are highly engrossing. Mel Gussow dramatically evokes the day in 1970 when the Greenwich Village townhouse next door to him, occupied by members of the radical Weather Underground, was blown apart in an accidental detonation in their basement bomb factory. On a lighter note, Tara Bahrapour recounts the paradigmatic New York experience – searching for an affordable apartment. Field Maloney and Jill Eisenstadt each relate the glory days of Queens's Rockaway Beach as a summer resort, its sad decline and enduring allure. This is both an excellent addition to New York history and a pleasure for casual browsing. -- CH/K/M/ND (*Adapted from Publishers Weekly*, ©2005)

16. The values and craft of American journalism : essays from the Poynter Institute / edited by Roy Peter Clark and Cole C. Campbell. University Press of Florida, 2005. 202 p. 070.3 VAL

This compilation of essays from members of the Poynter Institute, a journalism education foundation, touches upon every aspect of modern journalism and describes how new technologies and changes in ownership affect the day-to-day business of reporting. It touches upon the professional ethics, the craft of writing, diversity, corporate ownership, and the role of the free press in a democracy. The essays further address the significance of simple writing, writing for the audience, and the importance of conveying important information. The authors illustrate how a strong and informative press can stimulate community activities and inspire a vibrant democracy. The editors have also attempted to bridge the gap between the professional journalists and the academic scholars. Overall the collection is a good mix of different issues related to journalism and the contributing authors have addressed key issues facing the profession. -- CH/K/M/ND

## ECONOMICS

17. Eisler, Raine Tennenhaus.  
The real wealth of nations : creating a caring economics / Raine Eisler.  
Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc., ©2007. 318 p. 330.126 EIS

Eminent social scientist Eisler, author of *The Chalice and the Blade* (1987) and *Tomorrow's Children* (2000), is renowned for her innovative perspectives on relationships, education, sex, and spirituality. In this powerful book, she addresses the need for a more equitable and sustainable economic system that is based on the essential work of caring for people and nature. Eisler observes that current economics fails to value the most fundamental aspects of people's daily lives. She identifies the lack of caring as the common denominator underlying grave social and environmental problems. Eisler precisely maps her detailed vision of a caring economy and diligently supports her concept with a fascinating spectrum of information and analysis of everything from how little we value child care to the true cost of war and pollution. On a deeper level, Eisler writes about how the cultural stories we absorb – women are inferior to men, nature is indestructible – perpetuate an economics that is proving disastrous. Eisler argues cogently that now is the time to invest in life. -- K (Adapted from Booklist, ©2007)

18. Stiglitz, Joseph E.  
Making globalization work / Joseph E. Stiglitz. W.W. Norton, ©2007.  
374 p. 337 STI

Building from the foundation he set in *Globalization and Its Discontents*, Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph E. Stiglitz assesses the progress further. With the rather startling idea in mind that treating developing nations more fairly is not only a moral obligation but also indispensable to the success of globalization, he presents a number of practical solutions to questions about sustainability, indebtedness, intellectual property, financial stability through global reserves, and even global warming, which threatens to put the brakes on any development whatsoever, let alone at the global level. He advocates reforms in the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank, but his biggest idea is to change the way we think. Globalization must be a part of democratization and vice versa, only then can globalization become people-based rather than system-based. -- CH/K/M/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

19. Uchitelle, Louis.  
The disposable American : layoffs and their consequences / Louis Uchitelle ; [with a new afterword]. 1<sup>st</sup> Vintage Books ed. Vintage Books, 2007. 287 p. 331.1373 UCH

The award-winning *New York Times* economics writer Louis Uchitelle traces the rise and fall of job security in the United States and its impact on the American economy and society. True to his journalistic background, he switches his lens back and forth between telescopic discussions of wide historical trends and economic and societal processes to focusing in on the individual experiences of individual workers and companies. Arguing that the current situation is harmful to individuals and the wider society, he ends his book with recommendations of legislation that can minimize and mitigate corporate layoffs. -- CH/K/M/ND (*Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006*)

## EDUCATION

20. Chambers, Stefanie.  
Mayors and schools : minority voices and democratic tensions in urban education / Stefanie Chambers. Temple University Press, ©2006. 229 p. 370.9173 CHA

In this provocative book, Chambers questions the validity of urban school reforms in the United States. She examines the national trend in the United States toward mayoral control of urban schools and questions the resulting improvement. She establishes her observation through comparative case studies of Chicago and Cleveland, which adopted mayoral control during the 1990s. She utilizes sources like newspaper articles and interviews of dozens of stakeholders in these cities to draw final conclusion. Her study finally reveals that mayoral control of schools has indeed resulted in increased pupil learning. But at the same time she also observes that this improved performance is at the cost of decreased minority participation, which challenges the democratic and civic values expected from the schools. Finally, she offers some suggestions to improve the situation and strike a balance between minority participation in the education process and centralization of power in mayors' offices. -- CH/K/ND

21. Writing America : classroom literacy and public engagement / edited by Sarah Robbins and Mimi Dyer ; foreword by Paul Lauter. Teachers College Press, ©2005. 179 p. 307.071 WRI

*Writing America: Classroom Literacy and Public Engagement* provides guidelines and practical examples for the classroom teacher concerned about engaging students in meaningful learning. Written by teachers affiliated with the National Writing Project, the short but highly readable essays included in this volume present classroom-based community studies projects that could be applied by teachers in their own classrooms. The book encourages teachers to try new methods and to make the classroom activities more relevant and helpful to students' lives. -- CH

## ENVIRONMENT

22. Bowen, Mark.  
Thin ice : unlocking the secrets of climate in the world's highest mountains / Mark Bowen. 1<sup>st</sup> Owl Books ed. Owl, 2006. 463 p. 551.51 THO

In 1997, Bowen was contacted by a magazine editor looking for a science writer with climbing experience to join paleoclimatologist Lonnie Thompson on his expedition to drill ice cores on the summit of Bolivia's highest mountain. Retrieving ice cores, which are read like tree rings that present detailed information about climate history, requires that climatologists spend weeks, even months, working in the "death zone," the area above 18,000 feet. Here Bowen, who accompanied Thompson on several more expeditions, documents the specialized techniques that Thompson used to extract and preserve ice cores from the highest mountains around the world's equator while also examining Thompson's research, which is based on the provocative premise that equatorial mountain glaciers, rather than polar ice, provide the clues to understanding global warming. Bowen chronicles the global warming debate from its earliest predictors up to the present and notes the undeniable fact that temperatures have noticeably risen over the past 50 years, with the high latitudes experiencing the fastest warming. Bowen and Thompson believe that the snows of Kilimanjaro will disappear within the next 15 years, evidenced by its already retreating glaciers. Although, this book would draw special interest of the mountaineers and climatologists, it should be read by everyone concerned with our planet and climate. -- K (Adapted from *Library Journal*, ©2005)

23. Cox, John D.  
Climate crash : abrupt climate change and what it means for our future /  
John D. Cox. Joseph Henry Press, ©2005. 215 p. 551.7 COX

This book presents a history of research into climate changes. Writing for the general reader, science and environment journalist Cox, narrates the history of the scientific research into abrupt climate change. As he describes the contributions of geologists, meteorologists, physicists, and other researchers to the growing, yet still incomplete, body of evidence about the possibilities of climate change, he explains the science in non-technical language and offers some speculation on what future climate change could mean for humanity. Told in an engaging narrative style, this book tells the story of the mysterious ways the world's climate works and what exactly it means to the average person. -- K (*Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2005*)

24. Lundin, Cody.  
When all hell breaks loose : stuff you need to survive when disaster strikes / Cody Lundin ; illustrations by Russell L. Miller ; photographs by Christopher Marchetti. G. Smith, Publisher, ©2007. 450 p.  
613.69 LUN

This is not just a book but a survival guide in order to be adequately equipped during any kind of unforeseen disaster. Although several books on disaster management and preparedness have been written, this one stands apart in its basic philosophy of survival. It talks about the basic information, and what one needs to do in order to stay alive. It stresses that every family needs to prepare and educate themselves about survival psychology at home, the office, in the car, and everywhere. In addition, it also touches upon often neglected issues like sanitation in survival situations. Visionary in its approach, packed with information, and told in an entertaining style, this book is an important addition to the existing literature on disaster management. -- M

25. Romm, Joseph J.  
Hell and high water : global warming – the solution and the politics – and what we should do / Joseph J. Romm. William Morrow, ©2007.  
292 p. 363.73874 ROM

Global warming is one of the hottest stories of the twenty-first century. Romm, a veteran of the Department of Energy and founder and director of the Center for Energy and Climate Solutions, presents a clear and effective primer



on climate science. Criticizing the current energy policies, he says that the United States has all the needed technologies and know-how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but it lacks in its will to act. Romm predicts we have one decade to make sharp cuts to our greenhouse gas emissions in order to avoid catastrophic consequences. He suggests that the United States should take the lead and influence rest of the world – particularly emerging powers like China and India – to join an international effort to stop global warming. -- K

## HISTORY & CIVILIZATION

26. Rozario, Kevin.  
The culture of calamity : disaster and the making of modern America /  
Kevin Rozario. University of Chicago Press, ©2007. 313 p. 973 ROZ

Rozario presents a historical analysis of American perceptions of natural and human-made disasters and their effect on the American society. Puritan clergy such as Increase and Cotton Mather regarded calamities as God's instrument for both punishing and correcting humanity, a demonstration of the transient nature of the material world, and a means of increasing participation in religious revival. Natural disasters had consequences that were both positive and negative. New Madrid, MO never recovered from the massive 1812 earthquake, while San Francisco quickly rebuilt after the one in 1906. Rozario also sites such writers as Williams James about the thrill many survivors felt in experiencing the latter disaster, which he saw as an example of civilized people desiring dangerous but life-validating events. The author goes on to point out how such disasters have expanded the role of local, state, and federal government by means of building codes, establishment of first responders, and laws codifying disaster relief. He examines 9/11, drawing comparisons between the fall of the towers and images in the mass media, and closes with the issues of race and class made evident in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The book is an interesting, complex examination of how catastrophes have shaped the development of America over time. -- M (*Adapted from Library Journal, ©2007*)

## INFORMATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

27. Hitchcock, Jayne A.  
Net crimes & misdemeanors : outmaneuvering web spammers, stalkers,  
and con artists / by J.A. Hitchcock ; edited by Loraine Page. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.  
Information Today, Inc., ©2006. 459 p. 364.168 HIT

This timely book addresses the cyber-threat that most of us are subjected to. As the use of Internet has increased in our day-to-day life, a number of online opportunists, con artists, and miscreants have also popped-up. Everyday while using the Internet for various purposes like surfing, banking, mailing, chatting, shopping and a host of other online activities, all of us expose ourselves to various online threats like spam, phishing, privacy invasion, financial scams, cyber-bullies, and even identity theft. Jayne Hitchcock, in this revised and expanded edition of this book, provides easy and efficient methods for safeguarding ourselves from a wide range of online attacks. Her practical advice offers much-needed insights and tips necessary for today's extensive dependence on the Internet. The tips, strategies, and techniques given in the book can be put to immediate use. Also provided are the laws, organizations, and Web resources that can be referred to in the case of falling victim to a cyber-crime. This thoughtful book, which reveals the secrets of staying safe online, is a must-read for anyone and everyone who is concerned with Internet and the World Wide Web. -- CH

28. Pfeil, Angela B.  
Going places with youth outreach : smart marketing strategies for your library / Angela B. Pfeil. American Library Association, ©2005. 119 p.  
REF 021.2 PFE

Practitioner Pfeil stresses the need for practicing librarians to effectively market their services and reach out to youth. In this hands-on guide, she gives information on developing a comprehensive marketing plan to promote youth services, presenting in community venues to reach new audiences, building partnerships with community groups, and evaluating program outcomes to refine and improve them further. She illustrates the entire process step-by-step in a systematic way, includes sample letters and forms, and gives ample examples of successful programs. She puts forward that marketing and outreach must go hand in hand as librarians work to create library presentations and programs to serve youth populations. Appendixes include sample outreach programs, a bibliography of works on marketing, and a general

bibliography, along with a detailed, accurate index. Librarians and information professionals interested in doing more outreach to youth will especially appreciate this guide. -- (For use only in the Library) C/CH/M/ND  
(Adapted from Booklist, ©2005)

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

29. Bacevich, A.J.  
The new American militarism : how Americans are seduced by war /  
Andrew J. Bacevich. Oxford University Press, 2005. 270 p.  
355.0213 BAC

Well-researched and well-articulated, this book by Bacevich puts the increased militarism of the United States under scrutiny and warns about the consequences of associating unprecedented military power with the universality of American values. The book outlines the trajectory of American military power from the Vietnam War to the present. It examines how America has drifted away from its original vision of the role of the military in American society. The author concludes by proposing to bring American purposes and American methods back into harmony with the nation's founding ideals. -- CH/K/ND

30. Kiesling, John Brady.  
Diplomacy lessons : realism for an unloved superpower / John Brady  
Kiesling. Potomac Books, ©2006. 317 p. 327.73 KIE

Kiesling, a long-time U.S. Foreign Service officer who resigned in 2003 to protest the looming invasion of Iraq, presents what might be considered his apologia for that action, laying out what he sees as the proper role of diplomacy in the conduct of U.S. foreign policy. He reflects on the experiences of his diplomatic career in order to defend a realist perspective of U.S. diplomacy that recognizes the limitations of American power and the need to build international political legitimacy in pursuit of American goals. He advocates a foreign policy based upon diplomacy, multilateralism, morality, and support of world opinion and the United Nations. -- CH/K/M/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

31. Litwak, Robert.  
Regime change : U.S. strategy through the prism of 9/11 / Robert S.  
Litwak. Woodrow Wilson Center Press, ©2007. 406 p. 327.73 LIT

Litwak critically analyzes the Bush administration's emphasis on the need for regime change to confront the perceived threat of weapons of mass destruction in the hands of "rogue states" or allied terrorist groups. He argues that the turn towards regime change has left an unresolved tension in U.S. foreign policy – behavior change versus regime change – that frustrates the effective integration of force and diplomacy and points to Libya's dismantling of its weapon of mass destruction programs as an example of effective diplomacy of the type that could be upset by too much careless regime change rhetoric. Finally, he illustrates his argument with case studies of U.S. approaches towards Iraq, Libya, Iran, North Korea, and non-state actors such as Al Qaeda. -- K *(Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)*

32. Protecting democracy : international responses / edited by Morton H.  
Halperin and Mirna Galic. Lexington Books, ©2005. 358 p.  
327.11 PRO

The previous couple of decades have seen democracy re-establishing in a number of countries with support from other democratic states and private groups. Halperin and Galic present seven papers that address issues of collective international support of democracy in states where it is perceived to be failing or at risk. Papers on current policy and practice discuss the evolution of conceptions of sovereignty and legitimacy, collective international actions since the early 1990s, regional trends and developments, and the role of the Organization of American States in protecting democracy from internal interruption. Other chapters discuss current threats to democracy, domestic responses, the necessity of vigilance regarding the erosion of democracy, and international legal recourse. Sandwiched between these two sets of chapters is the Report of the Independent Task Force on Threats to Democracy, which was penned by former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and others. -- K *(Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2005)*

33. Understanding the war on terror / [edited by James F. Hoge, Jr. & Gideon Rose]. Foreign Affairs/Council on Foreign Relations, ©2005. 435 p. 909.83 UND

The editors of *Foreign Affairs* have done a wonderful job in putting together a set of authoritative essays from a variety of sources that address terrorism and the war on terrorism. These judiciously selected and carefully crafted essays illustrate the roots of terrorism and make an authoritative contribution to the debate over America's most important security challenge. Thoroughly researched and brilliantly-written, this collection of essays presents unbiased arguments from various angles. It helps understand the best ways to deal with the challenges posed by terrorism. *Understanding the War on Terror* is an excellent primer for understanding America's war on terrorism. -- K

## LAW

34. Fleming, James E.  
Securing constitutional democracy : the case of autonomy / James E. Fleming. University of Chicago Press, 2006. 335 p. 342.73085 FLE

In this timely book, James E. Fleming discusses the nature of the American Constitution and the role Courts play in protecting the order established by the Constitution. Faced with almost intractable problems, the U.S. Supreme Court has an important role of maintaining a balance between governmental authority and individual liberty. Fleming argues that the right to privacy or autonomy should be grounded in theory of securing constitutional democracy. Allowing citizens to deliberate about the institutions and policies of their government as well as deliberative autonomy and enabling them to deliberate about the conduct of their own lives are the two preconditions that can bring in free and equal citizenship in America's morally pluralistic constitutional democracy. The book offers carefully argued corrective to the debates over the right to privacy or autonomy. Those scholars interested in exploring American Constitution issues will find the book interesting. -- CH

35. Robinson, Paul H.  
Law without justice : why criminal law doesn't give people what they deserve / Paul H. Robinson and Michael T. Cahill. Oxford University Press, ©2006. 319 p. 345 ROB

Paul Robinson and Michael Cahill, in this thoughtful book, take an unflinching look at American criminal law and advocate on giving criminals what they deserve. They wonder why criminal law sometimes deliberately and routinely sacrifices justice – sometimes the law chooses not to give defendants what they truly deserve, whereas at times it punishes more than what is warranted. The book is divided into three sections. While the first two sections focus on systemic problems that undercut the goal of justice, the third section assesses how moral integrity could be restored to the counterproductive criminal justice tendencies. Endnotes and index are provided for easy understanding and navigation. Those concerned with criminal justice issues will gain practical insight from this book. -- K

## LITERATURE & LANGUAGE

36. The Cambridge companion to Margaret Atwood / edited by Coral Ann Howells. Cambridge University Press, 2006. 200 p. 818.5409 ATW

Twelve essays by the leading international Atwood critics present an overview of Atwood's oeuvre to date. They provide the most comprehensive and updated account of Atwood's novels, short stories, poetry, and essays. Although many books on the subject have already been published, this one distinguishes itself by virtue of an array of international contributors who present a combination of established and progressive approaches to Atwood's writing. This volume covers biographical, textual, and contextual issues, emphasizing Atwood's international appeal as an imaginative writer. -- K/ND

37. Inside the Church of Flannery O'Connor : sacrament, sacramental, and the sacred in her fiction / edited by Joanne Halleran McMullen and Jon Parrish Peede. Mercer University Press, ©2007. 231 p. 813.54 OCO

*Inside the Church of Flannery O'Connor* is a collection of essays by leading scholars that illustrate the current state of thinking about O'Connor as a writer. The contributing scholars widely vary in their perspectives. While some

have advanced the codification of O'Connor as a writer preoccupied with religious and especially Catholic themes, others find themselves at odds with O'Connor's interpretations and with much of the existing scholarship concerning her work. At the same time, many contributors explore theological, philosophical, and scholarly issues. Clearly, a consensus cannot be expected in this diversified collection. Nor does the collection intend to settle the path for the future of O'Connor studies. It only attempts to present the state of affairs during this period of transition when those who knew O'Connor personally are declining in number and those who know her as a field of study are on the rise. -- CH/K

38. The unraveling archive : essays on Sylvia Plath / edited by Anita Helle.  
University of Michigan Press, ©2007. 277 p. 811.54 PLA

*The Unraveling Archive* is a significant contribution to Plath studies. Even after a half century since Sylvia Plath's spectacular poems were announced to the world, the poet is still at the center of literary activities. She has been the subject of many novels, feature film, and several public conferences, performances, and exhibitions. This collection of essays by scholars of different generations provides assessment of Plath's creative life and work in the light of new material. With the proliferation of Plath criticism, seminars, biographies, and primary source materials that have become available in recent years, the essays provide a new assessment of Plath's work. The book includes reproductions of two of Plath's original paintings from the 1950s and some rare photographs. -- CH/K/M

39. Wiggins, Marianne.  
The shadow catcher / Marianne Wiggins. Thorndike Press, 2007. 453 p.  
813.54 CUR

Wiggins tells the story from her own point of view, through a fictionalized version of herself, called by her own name. The book opens as Wiggins presents her newly completed Curtis novel to a Hollywood agent. Curtis photographed American Indians in the early 20th century, and Marianne attacks the common image of Curtis as a swashbuckler who risked his life to photograph his favorite subjects. Even as she shows that Curtis staged the shots, and was an absentee husband and father at best, the agent is enthralled. Marianne, ambivalent, arrives home to a phone call that her father is in a Las Vegas hospital – the father who has been dead for 30 years. From that quick setup, the novel moves seamlessly back and forth between Marianne's

painstaking research into Curtis's life and the journey she undertakes seeking closure with her father's past. Photographs taken by Curtis and from the Wiggins's family album, which she approaches from multiple angles, give the story several layers of immediacy. Fueled by the great American passions for love, land and family, this is an ambitious lively work that would be enjoyed by a wide array of readers . -- K *(Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2005)*

40. Winchell, Mark Royden.  
Reinventing the South : versions of a literary region / Mark Royden Winchell. University of Missouri Press, ©2006. 253 p. 810.9975 WIN

Prior to the Civil War, the American South had a flourishing culture. However, in the dormant decades following the surrender at Appomattox, southerners devoted most of their energies to survival and such luxuries as literature were left behind. After decades of dormancy, literary activity in the American South experienced a significant rebirth beginning in the 1920s. In this collection of essays, Winchell examines the ways in which various authors reinvented Southern culture, both socially and aesthetically. The first half of the volume concentrates on the Nashville literati, while the second half is devoted to the work of "Lower South" writers such as William Faulkner and Cormac McCarthy. Winchell's observations and conclusions are convincing, and his tone welcomes readers at all levels. -- K *(Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)*

## PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

41. Green, John Clifford.  
The faith factor : how religion influences American elections / John C. Green. Praeger Publishers, ©2007. 214 p. 322.1 GRE

Although religion and faith have always played a vital role in American elections, its impact on 2004 presidential elections provoked widespread consternation and surprise. Based on survey data, Green provides vital information on American religion and its relationship to American elections. He explores the links and finds out how religion and faith have changed over time. In doing so he looks at three areas of religion that influence election outcomes in current political context – religious belonging, behaving, and believing. These three aspects of religion influence the way people vote, their view on issues, ideologies, and partisanship. He also weighs



the influence of religion in presidential elections with regard to factors like gender, age, and income. -- CH/K/M/ND

42. Wills, Garry.  
Under God : religion and American politics / Garry Wills. Simon and Schuster Paperbacks, 2007. 445 p. 322.1 WIL

Garry Wills explores the influence of religion in American politics. He argues that religion has always been a significant factor in America's political thinking and has always been reflected in its citizen's political decisions. He demonstrates the existence of a religious blend while taking political decisions on issues like slavery, civil rights, abortion, censorship, and many more. This collection of loosely related essays about the 1998 presidential campaign stresses that American elites especially the U.S. national media do not understand the importance of religion in Americans' life. Wills makes it clear that religion has always been a shaping force in America and it will continue to be so in future. -- CH/K/ND

43. Yankelovich, Daniel.  
Profit with honor : the new stage of market capitalism / Daniel Yankelovich. Yale University Press, 2007. 189 p. 174.4 YAN

This wise and optimistic book investigates the prevalent ethics and integrity in corporate America. Yankelovich, a social scientist, researcher, and 30-year veteran of many corporate boards and trusteeships, examines the rampant scandals that plague American corporations today and shows how companies can reverse the resulting climate of mistrust. The ethics that he prescribes designates profit taking top corporate priority along with care of employees, customers, the community, and society at large. He believes that ethical renewal would come back in every company and the employees and consumers alike would return to trust in the corporations. The book is visionary in its approach. While putting forward its prescription for gaining public confidence, it leaves enough room for corporate America to follow and implement the ideas on stewardship that would advance the capitalist market to its next stage. -- CH/K/M/ND

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

44. Campbell, James E.  
The American campaign : U.S. presidential campaigns and the national vote / James E. Campbell. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Texas A&M University Press, ©2008. 312 p. 324.7 CAM

Campbell, in this well-researched book, analyses the impact of presidential campaigns on the U.S. presidential election and the way they affect the voting behavior of the Americans. He argues that presidential campaigns do affect election results in a systematic, predictable way. Campbell uses statistical analysis to illustrate the effects of campaigns at both local and national levels. This latest edition has been updated with new data and additional analysis. The book combines the scientific rigor and theory of voting behavior with the historical richness of traditional presidential campaign research. Campbell's coherent thinking and clear style present students with a readable survey of presidential elections and political scientists' ways of studying them. -- CH/K/M/ND

45. Gerhart, Ann.  
The perfect wife : the life and choices of Laura Bush / Ann Gerhart. Simon & Schuster, ©2004. 218 p. 973.931 BUS

Gerhart's portrait of the America's lady is much like the public perception of her – a pleasant, opaque woman and a conundrum. A school-teacher with a master's degree in library science, Laura Bush is clearly intelligent and articulate. Yet, despite her credentials and her husband's evident respect for her opinions, she appears to have no influence on his education policies nor does she seem to want any. Her determination to be what Gerhart terms "an old-fashioned first lady" alternately fascinates and frustrates Gerhart, a Washington Post reporter who has been covering her since the 2001 inauguration. Both reactions are understandable. For all her research, Gerhart never answers the central question she posits – how did an independent, liberal career woman who purposely chose to teach in a poor elementary school in Austin morph so successfully into a devoted wife whose life's ambition is to make sure her husband's world runs smoothly, even if it means subverting her own beliefs and desires? Gerhart, who is a wonderful observer, reveals the complete story of Laura Bush that introduces the reader to the woman behind the smiling public mask. -- CH/K (*Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2004*)

46. Kotz, Nick.  
Judgment days : Lyndon Baines Johnson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and  
the laws that changed America / Nick Kotz. Houghton Mifflin, 2005.  
522 p. 323 KOT

King's leadership of the Civil Rights movement catalyzed a revolution in public consciousness that Johnson's matchless political skills cemented in the landmark voting and civil rights laws of the 1960s. In this engrossing narrative history, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Kotz follows their tense but fruitful working relationship from Johnson's assumption of the presidency in 1963 to King's assassination five years later. It was a wary partnership, uneasy when they joined forces against Jim Crow in the wake of Kennedy's assassination, strained by King's opposition to the Vietnam War and continually undermined by FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover, who bombarded Johnson with reports of King's links to Communists and of his sexual indiscretions. In Kotz's sympathetic but complex and critical assessment, the Machiavellian politician and the visionary activist become almost brothers under the skin – both genuine idealists and cool-headed, at times even ruthless political strategists, both plagued by inner demons that threatened to undo their agenda. Employing newly available telephone conversations and FBI wiretap logs, among other sources, Kotz's detailed and gripping account takes readers into the bloody trenches of the Civil Rights movement and the bitter congressional floor battles to get legislation past the segregationist bloc. It is a fascinating portrait of two leaders working at a time when the low skullduggery of politics really was infused with the highest moral values. -- ND (*Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2005*)

47. Lusane, Clarence.  
Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice : foreign policy, race, and the new  
American century / Clarence Lusane ; foreword by Kwame Dixon.  
Praeger Publishers, ©2006. 259 p. 327.73 LUS

In this groundbreaking work, Clarence Lusane analyzes the impact of race on U.S. foreign policy. He looks at how former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell and current Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice have constructed current U.S. foreign policy. Further, he explores the ways in which the racial identities of both the secretaries have challenged conventional notions about the role of race in international relations. According to Lusane, Powell and Rice have both championed the idea of individualism and have not embraced their racial identities unless doing so has promised to advance the Bush administration's agenda. On one hand black liberals may be reluctant to condemn them, while on the other white liberals may be afraid of being

interpreted as racially biased. Lusane has judiciously tackled these difficult issues and many others and goes a long way in exploring the role of race in international relations. -- CH/K/M/ND

48. Not your usual founding father : selected readings from Benjamin Franklin / edited by Edmund S. Morgan. Yale University Press, ©2006. 303 p. 973.3 FRA

Morgan, who has several books on Colonial and revolutionary America to his credit, exhibits his expertise in choosing letters and other items that best reveal the inner Franklin. The book captures the human side of Benjamin Franklin including his tastes and habits, his enthusiasms, and his devotion to democracy and the people of the United States. The book is divided into four sections that cover Franklin the man as his contemporaries knew him, Franklin the curious scientist and inventor, Franklin the patriot in the American Revolution, and Franklin the diplomat and visionary. Morgan's witty and insightful introductions to each section are a match for Franklin's own masterful way with words. He manages to combine scholarly erudition with humor and stylistic grace, making this book a sheer delight. -- CH (*Adapted from Library Journal*, ©2006)

49. Walters, Ronald W.  
Freedom is not enough : black voters, black candidates, and American presidential politics / Ronald W. Walters. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2007. 239 p. 324.62 WAL

Abolitionists and civil rights activists in the United States have fought long and hard for black suffrage and voting rights, arguing that freedom is meaningless without full citizenship and the right to vote. In this work, which was published to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Walters examines the impact of the black vote on presidential elections since the signing of the law. Jessie Jackson's 1984 and 1988 presidential campaigns are featured as high points in black political participation. Jackson was able to mobilize the black community and use the substantial black vote as leverage in shaping the Democratic Party's political agenda. Considerable attention is given to black disenfranchisement in the 2000 and 2004 elections and how leverage politics played out in the 2004 Sharpton and Mosley Braun campaigns. This book offers useful background information on black voting habits and how the black vote is both obtained and obstructed,

with an emphasis on voter turnout rather than the issues blacks should base their votes upon. -- K (*Adapted from Library Journal*, ©2007)

## PSYCHOLOGY

50. Butler, Timothy.  
Getting unstuck : how dead ends become new paths / Timothy Butler.  
Harvard Business School Press, ©2007. 204 p. 650.14 BUT

Using his work as a social scientist, psychotherapist, and career counselor, Butler outlines strategies for getting "unstuck" at work, home, with colleagues, or family. He describes the state of psychological impasse and how it is a sign for change, how to create a clear vision, and the stages of the process of moving through the crisis: arrival, emergence of unresolved issues, opening up to new information, shifting to a new understanding of the situation, recognizing personality patterns, and deciding to take action, with a lot of information on career choices. The exercises that he has used are from the classes and workshops he teaches. -- CH/K/M (*Adapted from Book News, Inc.*, ©2007)

51. Goleman, Daniel.  
Vital lies, simple truths : the psychology of self-deception / Daniel Goleman. Simon and Schuster, 2005. 287 p. 153 GOL

Myers presents a penetrating analysis of human psychological behavior that investigates the ways we deceive ourselves. This book explores and exposes some complexity of the amazing human mind. Goleman supports his arguments with recent research results, and many other evidences of all kinds. He attempts to map why we cover our anxieties with delusional behaviors. This book raises intricate questions on a topic that is central to our psychological existence. Those who would like to delve deep into the subject and increase awareness and get the most out of human relationships would cherish Goleman's incredible work. -- K

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

52. Bird, Kai.  
American Prometheus : the triumph and tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer / Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin. Knopf, 2007. 721 p.  
530 OPP

Sherwin has spent 25 years researching every facet of Oppenheimer's life, from his childhood on Manhattan's Upper West Side and his prewar years as a Berkeley physicist to his public humiliation when he was branded a security risk at the height of anticommunist hysteria in 1954. Teaming up with Bird, an acclaimed Cold War historian, Sherwin examines the evidence surrounding Oppenheimer's "hazy and vague" connections to the Communist Party in the 1930s – loose interactions consistent with the activities of contemporary progressives. But those politics, in combination with Oppenheimer's abrasive personality, were enough for conservatives, from fellow scientist Edward Teller to FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, to work at destroying Oppenheimer's postwar reputation and prevent him from swaying public opinion against the development of a hydrogen bomb. Bird and Sherwin identify Atomic Energy Commission head Lewis Strauss as the ringleader of a "conspiracy" that culminated in a security clearance hearing designed as a "show trial." Strauss's tactics included illegal wiretaps of Oppenheimer's attorney; those transcripts and other government documents are invaluable in debunking the charges against Oppenheimer. The political drama is enhanced by the close attention to Oppenheimer's personal life, and Bird and Sherwin do not conceal their occasional frustration with his arrogant stonewalling and panicky blunders, even as they shed light on the psychological roots for those failures, restoring human complexity to a man who had been both elevated and demonized. -- K/M/ND  
*(Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2005)*

53. Mudgway, Douglas J.  
Bid dish : building America's deep space connection to the planets / Douglas J. Mudgway. University Press of Florida, ©2005. 253 p.  
621.382 MUD

While an array of prose has been written about NASA's ambitious efforts to explore our solar system, Mudgway, in this book, carves his own niche in presenting an incredible story of the development of the critical communication link in deep space between distant spacecraft and the mission controllers. He presents an account of the development of

NASA's Deep Space Network (DSN), a global array of antennas that made it possible to communicate with spacecraft throughout the solar system. He tells the readers how antennas have been indispensable in providing communication solutions during reaching out to distant planets of our solar system. He also describes the principles on which these antennas work, the way they came into existence, and the problems that arose in their development and enhancements. Written for the general public, this book would interest and appeal to a wide range of readers including space enthusiasts, engineers, and scientists. -- CH

54. Oshinsky, David M.  
 Polio : an American story / David M. Oshinsky. Oxford University Press, 2005. 342 p. 614.549 OSH

The key protagonists in historian Oshinsky's account of the scientific race to create a polio vaccine are Jonas Salk, a proponent of a "killed-virus" vaccine, and Albert Sabin, who championed the "live-virus" vaccine. As revered as these men are in popular culture, Oshinsky records their contemporaries' less complimentary opinions (even Sabin's friends, for instance, describe him as "arrogant, egotistical and occasionally cruel"). Oshinsky looks at social context, too, such as the impact of the March of Dimes campaign on public consciousness and fear of polio. Tying in the role polio victim Franklin Delano Roosevelt played in making the effort a national priority, the precursory scientific developments that aided Salk and Sabin's work, and the ethical dilemmas surrounding human testing, Oshinsky sometimes bogs down in details. But all in all, this is an edifying description of one of the most significant public health successes in U.S. history. -- CH/K/M/ND (*Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2005*)

## SOCIOLOGY

55. Béland, Daniel.  
 Social security : history and politics from the New Deal to the privatization debate / Daniel Béland. University Press of Kansas, ©2005. 252 p. 368.43 BEL

Although Social Security has been the focus of the U.S. national attention during President Bush's administration, not many understand the origins and workings of this popular program. Daniel Béland, in this book, looks at the evolution of U.S. Social Security into its current state. Written clearly

without much jargon, the book presents a historical perspective on Social Security, chronicling its evolution and the associated controversies. The author has done justice in presenting a balanced perspective of the issue that will provide readers an insight into the political history of Social Security and how the subsequent amendments have influenced the original act. -- M

56. Fisher, Dana.  
Activism, inc. : how the outsourcing of grassroots campaigns is strangling progressive politics in America / Dana R. Fisher. Stanford University Press, ©2006. 149 p. 322.4 FIS

This book offers a chilling review of the consequences of political outsourcing in the United States. Sociologist Fisher has devoted her career to studying the role of the citizen in a democracy. Specifically, what paid roles are there for young, college-educated, left-leaning citizens in a capitalist democracy, and how has their role in fact affected the results? Her reflections are insightful and sobering. Most progressive groups now outsource campaigns to a network of professionally run field offices. Fisher's refreshingly reflexive exploration of this world of the overworked, underappreciated political canvasser allows these young idealists to speak for themselves. Her analysis of the socio-political implications of the grass-roots trend highlights the tension activists feel between the desire for authentic political engagement and the need to earn a living. Fisher succinctly describes the paucity of employment opportunities available to capable and committed political activists and notes the greater success of pre-existing right-wing grass-roots communities to the Left's outsourcing. Few scholars have taken such a close look at the individuals involved in progressive activism and their backgrounds, motivations, and experiences, which make Fisher's work an important contribution to the study of social movements. -- K *(Adapted from Library Journal, ©2006)*

57. Freedman, Estelle B.  
Feminism, sexuality, and politics : essays / Estelle B. Freedman. University of North Carolina Press, ©2006. 253 p. 306.7082 FRE

This collection of essays by Freedman, mostly previously published, documents the evolving relationship between academic feminism and political feminism. Freedman, who believes in highlighting the roots of inequality in order to alleviate it, is one of the leading feminist scholar-activist. The essays presented in this collection have been grouped under two parts that follow the introduction. The first part includes essays that touch upon the origins and



strategies of women's activism in U.S. history. The essays under part two discuss about the maintenance of sexual boundaries and explore the malleability of both sexual identities and sexual politics. -- CH/M

58. Neal, Teresa S.  
Evolution toward equality : equality for women in the American West /  
Teresa S. Neal. iUniverse Inc., ©2006. 207 p. 305.42 NEA

Teresa S. Neal's *Evolution Towards Equality* is an incredible work that trails the interpretation of western women's evolutionary path towards gender equality. This compelling book illustrates the stories and history of women's rights in the western United States during the 19th and early 20th centuries. It analyses various conditions that catalyzed the fundamental societal changes, which led to the earlier arrival of voting, property, and legal rights in comparison to their eastern sisters. As per Neal, the three factors that led to this evolutionary change were rejection of traditional role models, finding new and often unexpected role models, and integrating women into the public sphere. This provocative, well-researched, and convincingly argued book is a valuable addition to the existing literature on gender equality, family relationships, and western American history. -- M

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